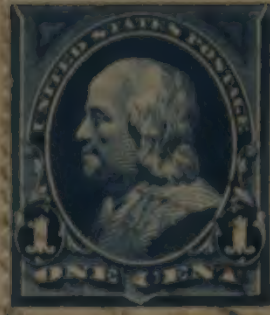
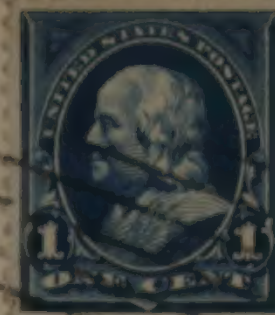
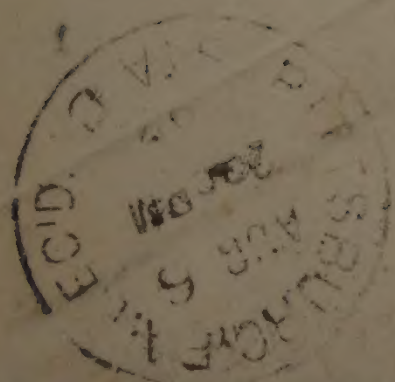
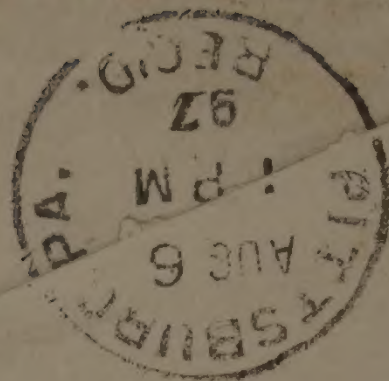


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Charland D.

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My darling! -

Your very  
welcome letter was received  
Monday morn. at 8. and  
found me at the wash tub  
doing a two weeks wash  
I was <sup>10<sup>th</sup> Wash</sup> tucked out when  
through, for I scrubbed two  
flights of stairs, and kitchen  
bath room, and everything that  
needed it. put fire in stove  
on wash days, for St. makes  
me to save gas as she pays  
gas bill. she had her fine  
white dress, 2 waists, and etc four  
white skirts, shirts, etc the iron

ing stayed out today but  
will finish tomorrow. It was  
gone just one week camping.  
I don't know who she was  
with although she said a  
girl friend and her she worked  
just the same and went out  
every one from store on her  
wheel. She said something  
several times about the boys.  
she went in bathing night  
and morning. she is home  
this week and expects to  
go to Mass Ohio to that  
summer resort next week  
for a week at least and  
maybe longer.  
So ma will



not return to L till we send  
for her she says since Browns  
kind girl has left she is  
taking her place and she  
sent \$2.00 home saying that  
is what she required for her  
week's labor, she is doing  
considerable sewing for them.

I think it would be real  
nice for you to go down there  
any body would love to see  
you, but I shall not for  
two is plenty. but I do  
want to see you so bad.

next eve at 4<sup>30</sup>.  
well I finished the morning  
and am pretty tired for I am  
not well. I have those horrid

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had aches, dizzies and black  
spots before my eyes. and, etc.  
Well about Kate buying  
groceries she is very close  
baring enough to keep from  
starving and gets some very  
fine "namely" half of rye bread,  
qt of berries, & pound of cheese.  
that is all. if it had not  
been for me sending that money  
home I don't know what I  
should have done and I pay  
life insurance every two weeks  
out of that and I bought a 1/2  
lb. of butter the other day and  
1/2 peck of potatoes the first that  
has been in the house since  
me has left which is four or five



weeks ago today. R. you know  
 don't eat either of butter or so don't  
 buy them, the week she went  
 camping I had a few little  
 things. I had to get them or  
 starve for I got so ~~much~~ week,  
 the first week or two after we  
 went I stayed over to be for  
 it would not give me any  
 thing to eat but I was to come  
 home on Monday's and do her  
 washing and ironing and I did  
 not pay me <sup>a</sup> cent for doing it  
 and one day I washed and  
 ironed for her with only a  
 loaf of rye bread and that  
 apple butter in house. and  
 one Sunday morn I came

home about 6 o'clock from A-  
 and she had gone to Detroit on  
 Saturday and did not return  
 till Monday eve - and she knew  
 I was coming home and there  
 was not a thing in house to eat  
 from Sunday morn - till Monday  
 eve only I found a nickel and  
 bought 2 doz cakes. her & ma  
 wanted me to stay over at A's  
 all the time. K - wanted the house  
 all to her self which A. & L. & I  
 all think very strange and she  
 even wanted to know just  
what nights I would be home.  
 so she thought she would  
 starve me out. A. & L. think  
 it awful. A. said he would



not pay the rent unless she  
give me all I wanted to eat  
and I told her "for A. said to,"  
and she says she wont go  
near them. and before A. would  
pay the rent I had to tell him  
to be he and say I had plenty  
to eat. A. said also that  
he was not going to board me  
and pay rent to and Ichi  
I helped I all I could in  
every way and A. said I did  
not help a damn and I  
heard him and did not  
say one word and here they  
k't on as if they wanted  
me so bad to stay nights for  
she has not been left alone for

the past two months, but I die.  
 there can be her mother + sisters  
 there at one time for several days  
 at time and any thing is all  
 right. I am only going over after  
 went after this and went stay  
 for a meal.

Last week I had company  
 every night unexpected every  
 night to and the Thursday  
 I went down street to  
 mail your letter was gone about  
 1/2 hour and when I came back  
 there had been 3 gentlemen  
 calling on me. The lady down  
 stairs said they left their cards  
 and message on back of them  
 one owned a commissary house



and the other my dry good Luck.  
 Mr Perkins. I have not  
 seen or wrote as they wanted  
 me to do, or don't going to.

Thier was up last Wednesday  
 and talks of going to Alaska.  
 no I can't tell you on paper  
 what he said, but personally.  
 Jim J. is still in existence.  
 Land I hear is asking after  
 me and wants to see me.  
 Senor the great skater of  
 Ohio I met him last winter  
 he was asking Thier after me  
 and wants my address.

Good night. Morning.  
 Tell Jim he received a letter  
 from L. H. and he likes

no friends I can stay with  
but will put my in a  
Summary and can make  
music my main study  
and I don't know what to  
do, no K. wont can tell me  
what state I am to go to until  
I say & promise I will go.  
With I think I would  
like to be in Pitts with you  
but where would I board?  
I wish you & I could go to another  
city and both work. Don't you?  
- don't say a word about anything  
I have wrote. K. got a new waist & is  
making it like sample. I have not got  
that lined linen for wash stand yet. K. has  
stand in her room. write soon & often.  
Your too & ever loving friend

directly you  
were here instead  
of K. we would  
have some good  
times, abundant

in dear  
often for I  
get to know  
can you

are all this  
better? excuse  
me this time.

p. l. a. s. r.

I have given  
any other thing  
shakes & angel  
in fact all music  
it is so and when